

A RESOLUTION

BY

Lee Martin

01-R-0704

A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF HOLLAND & KNIGHT TO SERVE AS OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO THE CITY OF ATLANTA IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS PENDING IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA; TO MAKE EXPENDITURES FOR THAT PURPOSE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.00; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Whereas, there are certain matters proceeding in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia; and

Whereas, these proceedings have resulted in ongoing discussions between the City of Atlanta and the federal government related to the operations of municipal government; and

Whereas, these proceedings have presented a myriad of complex legal issues that have never been handled in the City of Atlanta; and

Whereas, Section 2-396 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances vests the City Attorney, as the director of the department of law "with complete and exclusive authority and jurisdiction in all matters of law;" and

Whereas, the City Attorney has determined that particular expertise in such matters is required to protect the interests of the City of Atlanta and its employees; and

Whereas, the City Attorney has determined that the firm of Holland & Knight has the expertise and capability in such matters most useful to the City of Atlanta and has therefore hired said attorneys.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES and acknowledges that the City Attorney has retained the law firm of Holland & Knight to serve as outside counsel to the City of Atlanta on matters arising in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia during 2000 and 2001, including but not limited to representation of City employees who are witnesses in connection with their official duties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to remit payment of all legal fees, expenses and costs due for such legal services rendered by the law firm of Holland & Knight in connection with matters arising in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and approved for payment in accordance with an agreement negotiated by the City Attorney, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, to be paid from Fund Account and Center Number 1AO1 524001 T31001.

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5/21/01
10:38 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

01-O-0704

Holland & Knight to Serve as Outside
Counsel to City; not to exceed \$200,000
FILE

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 4
ABSTENTIONS: 0
NOT VOTING: 3
EXCUSED: 1
ABSENT 2

FAILED

NV McCarty	Y Dorsey	Y Moore	N Thomas
B Starnes	E Woolard	Y Martin	Y Emmons
N Bond	N Morris	Y Maddox	B Alexander
NV Winslow	N Muller	Y Boazman	NV Pitts

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BY PUBLIC SAFETY & LEGAL
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By:

Rosalind Rubens Newell
Deputy City Attorney

DATE TO LIST OR
MAJORITY VOTE
MAY 21 2001

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
☐ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 5/17/01

Referred To: Public Safety

Date Referred

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First Reading

Committee _____
Date _____
Chair 2. J. MGA
Referred to _____

Committee P.S.A.	Committee
Date 5/15/01	Date
Chair C. P. MGA	Chair
Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)	Action: Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side)
Other: _____	Other: _____
Members Rosalind Rubens Newell Deputy City Attorney	Members
Refer To	Refer To

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FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

- ☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd
Readings
☐ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Rosalind Rubens Newell

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DEPUTY MUNICIPAL CLERK

MAYOR'S ACTION